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October 30, 2015

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Proposed Improvement Concept for Central Avenue

Dear Ms. Ott:

Thank you for including Caltrans in the development and review of the "Central Avenue Area Complete Streets Plan" (Plan). The Caltrans Transportation Planning Grant Program provided funding for the Plan. We appreciate the opportunity to work with the City of Alameda (City) on developing and implementing changes on Central Avenue.

As owner/operator of the portion of Central Avenue between Webster Street and Sherman Street/Encinal Avenue (State Route 61), Caltrans planning and engineering functional units provided input on the feasibility of the proposed changes within State right-of-way (ROW). Caltrans Planning, Landscape Architecture, Traffic Safety, Highway Operations and Design staff met twice with City staff and the consultant team to discuss the concept and design features, including reducing vehicle travel lanes from four to three lanes, installing bicycle facilities and enhancing pedestrian access. Caltrans staff endorses the proposed design concept and supports "Complete Streets" improvements along Central Avenue.

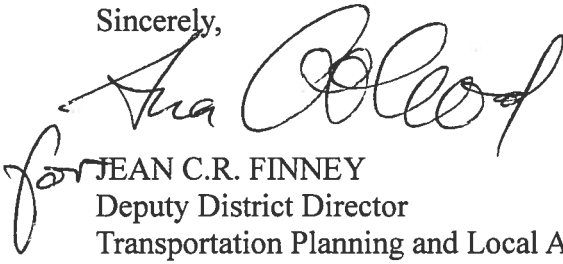
The proposed project is consistent with Caltrans Director's Policy on Sustainability (Director's Policy 33, July 2015) and Deputy Directive 64-R2, Complete Streets – Integrating the Transportation System, October 2014.

We look forward to continued collaboration with City staff on implementing the improvements. For work within State ROW, detailed comments will be provided during in the project development or encroachment permit phase.

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Should you have any questions regarding this letter or require additional information, please contact Ina Gerhard at (510) 286-5598 or by email at ina.gerhard@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,


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